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Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, USA  
Deputy Director  
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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear General Walters:

We were all sorry that you could not speak to the current class here but I am hoping that the world situation will be such that you can address our 55th Class.

One of the key elements in our curriculum is our guest lecture program comprised of distinguished speakers who add their expertise to the various fields of study conducted here at the Armed Forces Staff College. The 55th Class will begin on 4 February, and I sincerely hope that you will join us again and make the presentation on the National Intelligence Community which is tentatively scheduled for 25 March 1974 at 1000. The normal operating procedure, you'll recall, is for the lecture to last about 45 minutes followed by a 15-minute break and a 45-minute question period. Rear Admiral Jerry Denton will be the new Commandant and I know he would like to have you stay for lunch with several faculty members and students.

Your lecture on the National Intelligence Community is a key segment of our curriculum, since our students need a firm understanding of the role intelligence plays in the national security process. While the intelligence functions at various levels of military organization are studied and taught throughout the course of instruction at AFSC, this particular lecture serves as the overall introduction to United States intelligence capability. During this introduction, there are several areas that are germane to the curriculum and of special interest to the student body. First consideration is the organization, missions, and capabilities of the U. S. intelligence community. If this can be

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accomplished by placing the present structure and status in historical perspective to basic national law and to previous United States intelligence structure, a more complete understanding will be achieved. The relationship among the DCI, DIA, and NSA and other elements of the intelligence community are, of course, of interest.

Also of interest is the contribution of the intelligence community to the national policy-making process and its role in overseas operations. A discussion of collection capabilities and limitations would serve to complete the picture of U. S. intelligence at the national level. Some brief examples of specific information gained through overseas operations or through visits to this country by foreign national leaders will add interest and support the confidence military officers have in our intelligence capability.

Major Ruth A. Griffith, USAF, of my Guest Speaker Office (Phone: (804)-444-5422), will complete the arrangements for your visit. Major Griffith will send you information on the specific class composition when we have it available.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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Major General, USAF  
Commandant

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